

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.,  
BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF  
LAW, MICHAEL F. CROWLEY, AND  
BENJAMIN WITTES,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY, WILLIAM PELHAM BARR in  
His Official Capacity as Attorney General of  
the United States, and CHAD WOLF in his  
Official Capacity as Acting Secretary of the  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:18-cv-10874-DPW

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW APPEARANCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.5.2(c), Jamila G. Benkato, of the Protect Democracy Project, respectfully moves for leave to withdraw her appearance for Plaintiffs in this matter. Ms. Benkato will be ending her employment with the Protect Democracy Project this month and will be succeeded in this matter by her colleagues Justin Florence and Benjamin Berwick and co-counsel Meaghan VerGow and Shane A. Hunt of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, who will continue their appearance, and by Deana El-Mallawany of the Protect Democracy Project, who has filed a notice of appearance for Plaintiffs. Dkt. 56. In an email on July 7, 2020, the Protect Democracy Project informed Plaintiffs of Ms. Benkato's intended withdrawal from this matter. Plaintiffs will not be materially adversely affected by Ms. Benkato's withdrawal.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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